

SB 1147 (DeSaulnier)
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MASTER PLAN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
Fact Sheet

SUMMARY

In 1998, the Little Hoover Commission recommended the creation of a Master Plan for Public Safety, much like the Master Plan for Higher Education, and the Master Plan for Education. SB 1147 heeds that advice and brings together a wide spectrum of California public safety officials to create the Coordinated Public Safety System Committee.

The Committee is charged with the development of an extensive and comprehensive Master Plan for Public Safety. The Master Plan would address a variety of California public safety deficiencies. With the Master Plan as a starting point, the Legislature, Governor, and local agencies can better assess what changes are needed.

The Master Plan will provide for better coordination, the establishment of best practices and measured enforcement based on evidence.

BACKGROUND

As Chair of Budget Subcommittee #4 and a former County Supervisor, the author has seen the disconnection and overlapping of public safety programs. Additionally, the 1991 kidnapping of Jaycee Dugard in South Lake Tahoe, who was found 18 years later in captivity in Antioch, highlights a number of deficiencies in the statewide public safety system.

These deficiencies cannot be resolved with piecemeal legislation. We need to develop a comprehensive plan that takes into consideration the full spectrum of public safety challenges that face California. This is best achieved through a series of public discussions.

PREVIOUS & RELATED LEGISLATION

None

THIS BILL

SB 965 will establish the Coordinated Public Safety System Committee. The bill would require that the committee provide, by December 31, 2011, a Master Plan for California Public Safety to the Legislature and Governor which has the objective of making the public safer and which addresses specified issues relating to that objective. The bill will provide that the committee meet only upon appropriation by the Legislature for its expenses.

STATUS

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SUPPORT

- None on File (sponsor)

OPPOSITION

- None on File

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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